

# First 8 U. S. Prisoners Freed by Reds Fly Home

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (NYT). The first eight American prisoners liberated from German prison camps by the Russian Army reached Washington from Moscow Saturday in a record breaking flight of 56 hours and 10 minutes.

They were:

Capt. Ernest Gruenberg, 29, and 2nd Lt. James F. Schildt, 22, New

York City; 2nd Lt. Alvin G. McCormick, 24, Livonia, N. Y.; Capt. Frank Olevsky, 26, Camden, N. J.; Lt. Bill B. Everett, 23, Sweetwater, Texas; 2nd Lt. John N. Dimling Jr., 30, Winston-Salem, N. C., and 2nd Lt. Frank H. Colley, 29, Washington, Ga.

The prisoners, captured in North Africa, Italy, France and Germany, were the first group to hitchhike without orders, identification cards or money across Poland and Russia to Moscow. They were able to make their speedy trip home because their arrival in the Soviet capital coincided with a trip by a special American Army air transport which carried to Russia the ashes of the late Constantine Oumansky, Soviet ambassador to Mexico, his wife and three aids.

After telling their stories to American Army officials in Moscow, they were flown from Moscow at 7:40 a. m., Moscow time (2:40 p. m., EWT) Thursday, arriving in Washington Saturday at 8:50 a. m., EWT.

## Coalition Government Of Romania Tottering

MOSCOW, (Via Telephone to London) Feb. 24 (CDN).—Romania's coalition government, headed by Gen. Nichola Radescu, appeared to be tottering Saturday after only 10 weeks in office following rioting and continued demands from union leaders for a "national democratic front" government.

Martial law has been declared in the city of Craiova where "atrocities continue to terrorize the population" according to Romanian